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Sir:

In response to the February 5, 2004 Restriction Requirement, the Examiner is requiring an election between the following group of claims:

- I. Claims 1-63 and 66-94, drawn to a method and system for storing and managing probe array data, wherein the data comprising a plurality of intensity values for a plurality of probes comprising grouping the intensity values into a plurality of groups.
- II. Claims 64-65, drawn to data structure comprising a first table comprising a first field containing a first and second field containing or referring to a binary object.

Applicants elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-63 and 66-94) without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to re-present non-elected claims in a divisional, or other related application.

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